

## Message Text

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O R 251204Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2397  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PBOR PDEV NI UK SO ET UNSC  
SUBJECT: FCO DISCUSSION WITH GARBA ON HORN MEDIATION

REF: STATE 18370

1. AS WAS AGREED AT JAN 21 MEETING, FCO REPRESENTATIVES  
MET WITH NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA IN LONDON ON  
JAN 22 AND RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECURITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION. WHILE GARBA WAS NOT AGAINST SUCH A RESOLU-  
TION, HE FELT THAT NIGERIA WAS "ON THE HOOK" HAVING  
BEEN MANDATED BY THE OAU TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE. HE  
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THEREFORE COULD NOT GIVE SUPPORT TO A MOVE TO TAKE THE  
DISPUTE TO THE UNSC. HE WOULD NOT OBJECT, HOWEVER, IF  
ONE OR BOTH OF THE PARTIES WERE TO TAKE IT TO THE UNSC  
THEMSELVES. FOR HIM IT WAS MORE A PROBLEM OF PROCEDURE  
THAN ONE OF CONTENT, AND THE MAIN CONSIDERATION WAS  
THAT NIGERIA NOT LOSE FACE OVER THIS. WHAT GARBA DID  
PROPOSE TO DO WAS TO VISIT BOTH ADDIS AND MOGADISCIO

IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO SEE IF THERE WERE GROUNDS FOR  
MEDIATION, AND REPORT BACK TO THE OAU MEDIATION COMMITTEE  
IN TRIPOLI SEVERAL WEEKS LATER. ALTHOUGH IT WAS POINTED  
OUT THAT THIS TIMETABLE WAS TOO SLOW, CONSIDERING THAT  
EVENTS WERE MOVING VERY RAPIDLY, GARBA DID NOT COMMIT  
HIMSELF TO MORE RAPID ACTION. HE WAS PUZZLED AS TO  
WHAT COULD BE DONE, ALTHOUGH HE DID MENTION THE POSSI-  
BILITY OF BRINGING IN OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES TO  
HELP MEDIATE THE DISPUTE. BREWSTER

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